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SUBJECT: FRG-CZECH DISCUSSIONS ON MBFR

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1. IN A DISCUSSION WITH FRG FONOFF MBFR DEPARTMENT HEAD RUTH ON APRIL 24, THE SUBJECT OF FONMIN GENSCHER'S CONVERSATION IN PRAGUE RE MBFR REPORTED REFTEL WAS RAISED. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE GERMANS HAD INDICATED TO THE CZECHS THAT THE BUNDESTAG MIGHT NOT APPROVE AN MBFR AGREEMENT, RUTH REPLIED THAT THE CZECHS MIGHT HAVE MISINTERPRETED WHAT GENSCHER AND POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL HAD SAID OR WERE DELIBERATELY MISLEADING THE ITALIANS. RUTH INDICATED THAT WHAT GENSCHER AND VAN WELL HAD INTENDED TO CONVEY WAS THAT THE MBFR AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED WOULD HAVE TO BE SATISFACTORY IN ORDER TO WIN APPROVAL BY THE BUNDESTAG. THIS WAS A REFERENCE TO

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THE AGREEMENT REACHED BY DEFMIN LEBER AND CDU/CSU

DEFENSE SPOKESMAN WOERNER REGARDING POSTPONEMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUNDESWEHR "STANDBY READINESS" FORCE UNTIL "SATISFACTORY RESULTS" WERE REACHED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. RUTH REPORTED FURTHER THAT GENSCHER HAD ADVANCED TWO PRINCIPAL ARGUMENTS TO THE CZECHS. FIRST, THE FONMIN MADE A STRONG CASE OF THE NEED TO REMEDY THE MILITARY IMBALANCE IN CENTRAL EUROPE. AND SECOND, HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING NATIONAL FORCE LEVEL SUBCEILINGS.

2. RUTH SAID THAT ABOUT A WEEK AGO A DIPLOMAT FROM THE CZECH EMBASSY IN BONN CALLED ON HIM TO DISCUSS MBFR. RUTH SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST CONTACT THAT THE CZECHS HAD MADE WITH HIM IN BONN SINCE THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN. RUTH INDICATED THERE WAS NOTHING OF PARTICULAR NOTE ABOUT HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE CZECH, AND HE SAID THAT THEY BOTH REITERATED THE WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE EAST AND WEST IN VIENNA. RUTH SAID HE ATTEMPTED TO IMPRESS UPON HIS CZECH INTERLOCUTOR THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT FOR THE FRG. IN CONCLUDING THE DISCUSSION, RUTH SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR FRG-CSSR DISCUSSIONS ON MBFR TO BE CARRIED OUT IN VIENNA.
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